

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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EXPIRED LPG CYLINDERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders of various oil companies in circulation in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether complaints relating to expired / old / obsolete LPG cylinders in circulation have been received by the Government / Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs);
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken by the Government / OMCs in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) : State/UT-wise total number of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders of the public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) in circulation are at Annexure.

(b) & (c) : OMCs have reported that no specific complaint relating to expired / old / obsolete LPG cylinders in circulation have been received.

(d) : OMCs have reported that LPG cylinders are manufactured as per BIS 3196 through manufacturers approved by Chief Controller of Explosives, Nagpur (CCOE) and having BIS License. Thereafter, the LPG cylinders are checked at the LPG Bottling Plants and only the cylinders which are found to meet BIS standards are filled, checked for quality after filling and are sent to the distributors for distribution to the customers. All new LPG cylinders are required to be put for first statutory Testing & Painting (ST&P) after 10 years of manufacturing date of the cylinder.

Subsequently, the LPG cylinders are put to ST&P after every 5 years. Such testing of LPG cylinders are done through repairers approved Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO). LPG cylinders requiring repairs are put for Hot Repairs only once in its lifetime as per BIS codes of practice. Each such Hot Repaired cylinder is certified for use by BIS and accordingly put into circulation thereafter.